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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**Office Action Summary**

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ROMOLO, GAZZA

Examiner

Hilary Gutman

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the vehicle frame of claims 1 and 8; and the anchor connected with the vehicle frame of claims 1 and 8 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claim 14 is objected to because of the following informalities: on line 8, “fo” should be “of”. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 4, the phrase “and/or” is confusing and unclear as to what specifically the applicant intends to recite. Perhaps “at least one of the vehicle frame and the vehicle seat” should instead be recited.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the frame" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "a mounting frame" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 6 recites the limitations "the handle" in lines 2 and 4 and “the released or latched condition” in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "the handle" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

In claim 8, line 4, the phrase “and/or” is confusing and unclear as to what specifically the applicant intends to recite. Perhaps “at least one of the vehicle frame and the vehicle seat” should instead be recited.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "a mounting frame" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 9 recites the limitations "the latch elements " in line 7 and "the rigid latch elements" in line 10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "two rigid lateral latch elements" in line 10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 11 recites the limitations "the lateral latch elements" in line 2, "upwardly flared slots" in line 3, "the slots" in line 7, and "the latch elements" in lines 7-8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the baby-seat front edge" in line 3 and "the car seat" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

Claim 14 recites the limitation "the latch pin" in lines 7 and 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claim 15, the phrase "e.g. " renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim 15 recites the limitation "their blocking position" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 16 recites the limitations "the housing" in line 3, "the handle" in line 5, "the latched position" in lines 5-6, and "the mounting elements" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by european reference EP 0485121.

7. Claims 1, 3, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by german reference DE 3422695.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claims 4-7, and 9-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 571-272-6662.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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